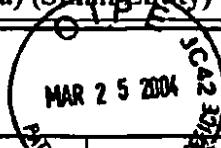


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
P-576 (TI-0022)

In Re Application Of: Huber et al.



Serial No.
09/770,410

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Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATING POLYNUCLEOTIDES USING MONOLITHIC CAPILLARY COLUMNS

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of October 11, 2002 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: January 12, 2003 until: April 11, 2003

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

is enclosed.
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	40 -	97 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	7 -	15 =	0	x \$43.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$475.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$475.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of \$475.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1619 in the amount of \$475.00

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1619

Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1619


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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on March 25, 2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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